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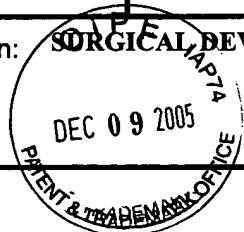
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Docket No.

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Application No. 10/615,152	Filing Date July 8, 2003	Examiner Michael F. Peffley	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3739	Confirmation No. 8263
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Invention: SURGICAL DEVICE FOR CLAMPING, LIGATING, AND SEVERING TISSUE

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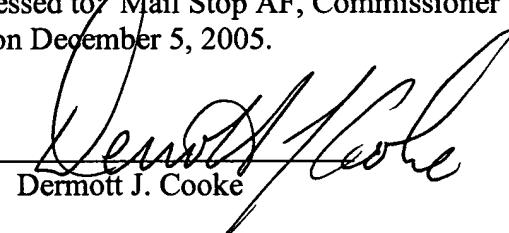
Sir:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005. Entry and consideration of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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